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.s I already mentioned to you, I don't think this
is worth sending to Rep. Symms. Please let me know if
you think differently.

Thanks..

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The Soviets have been working on the basic technology of lasers as long and extensively as has the US. The Soviets have the expertise, manpower, and resources to develop almost any type of laser that the US could develop. They are conducting basic research on all the high energy laser types that have the potential for future weapons applications.

The Soviets have two world renowned^{ed} laser scientists, Alexandr Prokhorov and Nikolai^y Basov, who direct large groups of scientists conducting high energy laser research. Prokhorov, Basov, and a US scientists[/] shared the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1964 for the development of the laser.